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Dear Soudeh Ghasemi:

Thank you for contacting the U.S. Consulate General in Toronto.

On January 27, President Trump signed an Executive Order today temporarily restricting the entry of foreign nationals from seven countries under section 212(f) of the Immigration and Nationality Act. Pursuant to this order, visa issuance to nationals of the countries of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen has been suspended effective immediately until further notification.

Landed immigrants of Canada, including those from restricted countries, must present a valid passport and proof of landed immigrant status. If a passport has expired, Canadian Permanent Residence card is the only acceptable proof of status.

Likewise, Canadian permanent residents, including those from restricted countries, must present a valid passport with a valid immigrant status, **and only if the travel both originates in Canada and the travel is for a Canadian clearance location.** A valid, non-expired, Canadian Permanent Residence card is the only acceptable proof of landed immigrant status.

Canadian citizens are visa exempt and may apply directly at a U.S. port of entry. Canadian citizens that are dual nationals of Iraq, Iran, Libya, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, and Yemen **apply for admission to the United States**, as long as they present a valid passport. All determinations regarding eligibility to be admitted are determined by U.S. Customs and Border Protection at the Port of Entry. Further information for Canadian citizens may be found at [www.dhs.gov](http://www.dhs.gov).

Regards,  
Nonimmigrant Visa Unit